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DISNEY MUSICALS IN SCHOOLS



THE SMITH CENTER
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"When we started this project I had no idea that it would affect so many people at our school. In the beginning we started with such a diverse group, and through this program we became a family. We had some students who never missed a day of school or rehearsal and some who knew everyone's lines. I was blown away when the students became mini superstars, and I still have new students come to me and ask about when they can join our Disney Musicals in Schools program." –Participating Teacher

"Students who have not expressed any interest in reading or writing are coming in early before school just to practice reading their scripts and are writing out their lines for extra practice!" –Participating Teacher

In April 2013, Disney Theatrical Group selected The Smith Center for the Performing Arts as its second regional partner for Disney Musicals in Schools (DMIS). A two-year \$100,000 grant from Disney Citizenship will allow The Smith Center to offer this program in selected CCSD schools. The program is based on Disney KIDS musicals, which are written for elementary-aged students and designed to be produced in a school setting. These half-hour shows feature accessible music, ensemble casts, and classic stories of Disney.

Through the magic of live theater, children improve upon their literacy, critical thinking, and social skills in new ways.

The Smith Center's Disney Musicals in Schools teaching artists partner with educators in the selected schools to produce Disney KIDS musicals and create sustainable theater experiences in CCSD elementary schools. Together the educators and the teaching artists apply the magic of Disney to theater activities that address imagination, creativity, problem-solving, teamwork, communication skills, and so many more goals of classroom learning in after-school settings. Each spring, The Smith Center selects participant schools to begin the program in the fall of the following school year. For applications or school eligibility inquiries, please contact education@thesmithcenter.com (<mailto:education@thesmithcenter.com>). Applications are made available in early spring.

PROJECT TIMELINE

- **May 2017** Through an application process, six CCSD elementary schools will be chosen to participate in Disney Musicals in Schools at The Smith Center.
- **September 2017** Selected School Teams will attend orientation at The Smith Center.
- **September 2017 – February 2018** Weekly after-school rehearsals facilitated by school teams and two teaching artists from The Smith Center.

- **February 2018** Participating schools will perform their selected Disney KIDS Musical for their school.
- **March 2018** Participating students present one number from their musical on stage at The Smith Center at the Disney Musicals in Schools Student Share Celebration.

2017 – 2018 Participants

Daniel Goldfarb Elementary School
 Walter V. Long STEAM Academy
 J.T. McWilliams Elementary School
 Dr. Claude G. Perkins Elementary School
 Red Rock Elementary School
 Dr. C. Owen Roundy Elementary School

2016 – 2017 Participants

Joseph L. Bowler Sr. Elementary School
 Arturo Cambeiro Elementary School
 Lois Craig Elementary School
 Oran K. Gragson Elementary School
 William K. Moore Elementary School
 C.C. Ronnow Elementary School
 Myrtle Tate Elementary School

2015 – 2016 Participants

Ruben P. Diaz Elementary School
 Pat A. Diskin Elementary School
 E.W. Griffith Elementary School
 Mountain View Elementary School
 Doris Reed Elementary School
 Hal Smith Elementary School

2014 – 2015 Participants

Kermit R. Booker Sr. Elementary School
 Fay Herron Elementary School
 Robert Lunt Elementary School
 Dean Petersen Elementary School
 Ruby Thomas Elementary School
 Rose Warren Elementary School

2013 – 2014 Participants

Will Beckley Elementary School
 Walter Bracken STEAM Academy
 Clyde C. Cox Elementary School
 C. P. Squires Elementary School
 Elaine Wynn Elementary School
 Paradise Professional Development School*
**Participated in "Getting Started" program*

The Smith Center's Disney Musicals In Schools 2015

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